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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79676

Yasumichi KUWAYAMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/775,203

Group Art Unit: 2831

Confirmation No.: 1641

Examiner: Chau N. Nguyen

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For: STRUCTURE FOR WATERPROOFING TERMINAL-WIRE CONNECTING PORTION
AND METHOD OF WATERPROOFING THE SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 9 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 5 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Kobayashi (JP 7-161392) in view of Tournier et al. (US 5,499,448). Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Kobayashi in view of Tournier, and further in view of Ikeno et al. (US 5,045,527).